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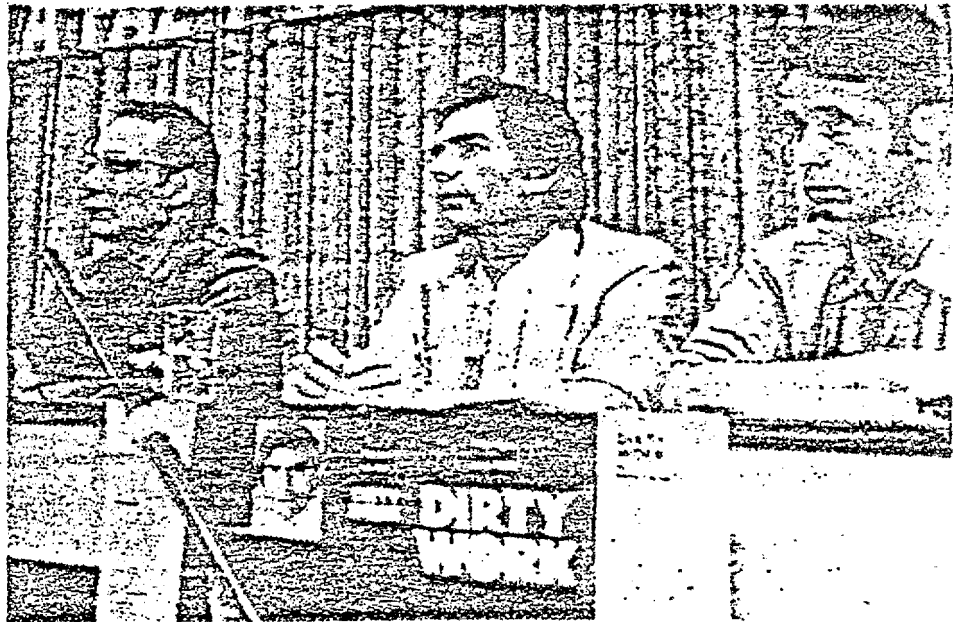
Lives of CIA Agents Deliberately Imperiled

Remember Richard Welch? Welch was the CIA Chief of Station in Athens, Greece, who was gunned down by terrorists outside his home there on Dec. 23, 1975. He had been murdered after an editor of a local paper had "exposed" him as an agent and then printed his home address. The editor later acknowledged he had received a tip about Welch through an American publication called *CounterSpy*, which delighted in revealing CIA personnel.

CounterSpy went out of business, but the method of endangering the lives of CIA agents by making them vulnerable to murderous leftist gangs is being gleefully revived by some of the same players once associated with *CounterSpy*, most notably CIA defector-turned-pro-Communist, Philip Agee.

During the recent World Youth Festival held in Havana, William Schaap, a National Lawyers Guild attorney in Washington, D.C., announced from the Havana Libre Hotel the formation of a new group called Counter-Watch, which Agee will help superintend. The group will also publish a bimonthly journal in the Nation's Capital titled *CovertAction Information Bulletin*, whose primary purpose is to blow the cover of U.S. intelligence agents abroad in precisely the same manner as Welch's cover was blown.

In its premier July issue, Agee, in a joint statement with his colleagues, explicitly embraces the *CounterSpy* strategy as a means of crippling U.S. intelligence. As Agee states, there is "an important and vital role to be played by the sort of exposés for which *CounterSpy* had become world-famous. We decided that the dissemination of such information must resume. That *CounterSpy* and its uncovering of CIA personnel and operations around the world were so violently hated by the Agency was our best endorsement."



Agee (second from right) was photographed at a recent news conference in Havana which began a week-long anti-CIA harangue aimed at wrecking the United States' intelligence agency. Posted in front of Agee is a blow-up of the jacket for his how-to book on spotting U.S. spies.

Uncovering CIA agents and making them inviting targets to potential terrorist groups are just the beginning, as Agee & Co. stress they hope to "make this publication a permanent weapon in the fight against the CIA, the FBI, military intelligence and all the other instruments of U.S. imperialist oppression throughout the world. We know that the information and the research is there, crying out to be published and disseminated."

How will all this be accomplished? The publication encourages subscribers to send in tips on who's a possible CIA man. The editors will "try to track down all your leads. Most especially, we will never stop exposing CIA personnel and operations whenever and wherever we find them. We are particularly anxious to receive, anonymously if you desire, copies of U.S. diplomatic lists and U.S. Embassy staff and/or telephone directories, from any countries."

Indeed, the bulletin advertises a how-to-spot-a-spook book, edited and prepared by Agee and Lou Wolf (\$22 normally, but bulletin subscribers get a \$10 discount). Called *Dirty Work* and just published by Lyle Stuart, Inc., the book supposedly "describes in detail how to expose CIA personnel, include dozens of articles from many countries which have done just that, and presents in Appendix form, detailed biographies of more than 700 undercover CIA and NSA personnel lurking in embassies and military installations in virtually every country on earth. We urge all our readers to study this book, and the simple methodology it sets forth. And, of course, to let us know the results of your own research."

In a separate article authored solely by Agee, the CIA defector gives more details on how to ferret out U.S. intelligence officials, and then urges that once the reader has compiled his own list through this "do-it-yourself" process